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Joseph Quimby Farm  
Centreville vicinity  
Private

early 19th century

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Joseph Quimby Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

East side of Tanyard Road

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Joseph S. Quimby

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: TSP 15

Folio #: 213

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland 21617

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The Joseph Quimby Farm is located on the east side of Tanyard Road just south of White Marsh Road. The house is surrounded by open fields on the north side of Three Bridges Branch.

The house was constructed in two stages. The original section is 1 1/2 stories high with a gambrel roof, three bays wide and one room deep. It was later enlarged one room to the west, simply extending the existing structure and roofline an additional two bays. A frame wing at one time projected from the south facade of the original section, but this was demolished during renovations undertaken in recent years. At that time a new concrete block foundation was constructed under the building, and asphalt shingle siding and an aluminum cornice were added.

The principal facade faces north, toward White Marsh Road. There is a door near the center of the original section flanked by a single 6/6 window on each side. Two shed roof 6/6 dormers are located above each first floor window. There are two 6/6 windows on this facade of the addition,

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

shifted off-center toward the east. A single shed roof 6/6 dormer is centered on the second floor. There are no openings or early detail on the east gable. A flush brick chimney rises at the center of this end of the house. The original fenestration on the rear or south facade has been disrupted by the now demolished wing. An original door opening with modern door is located to right of center, with a modern kitchen window to the right and a single shed roof 6/6 dormer above the kitchen window. There are two 6/6 windows in the south wall of the early addition, and two 6/6 shed dormers. A circular depression in the ground near the east end of this facade appears to identify the location of an old well. On the west gable, there is a modern exterior door at the south corner, and a 6/6 window to the north. A single 6/6 window is centered on the second floor.

The interior of the original section has been opened up to form a single large room. A scar in the ceiling traces an early partition to the east of the front door on the north facade, indicating an original hall-parlor plan with the larger hall to the west. The chimney on the east gable wall has been boxed in

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

and is now concealed by modern kitchen cabinets. An enclosed winder stair in the alcove to the left of the chimney leads to the second floor. No other early detail has survived.

A patch in the floor of the west one room addition suggests the location of an original exterior chimney on the west gable of the hall-parlor house, or may have been a shared chimney built at the same time as the addition. A winder stair in the northeast corner of this room was presumably tucked into the alcove to the left of the chimney, but is now completely exposed.

The second floor repeats the basic first floor plan, with two unequal sized chambers in the original section, and a single chamber in the west addition with a small bath and hall at the head of the stairs.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

4/23/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

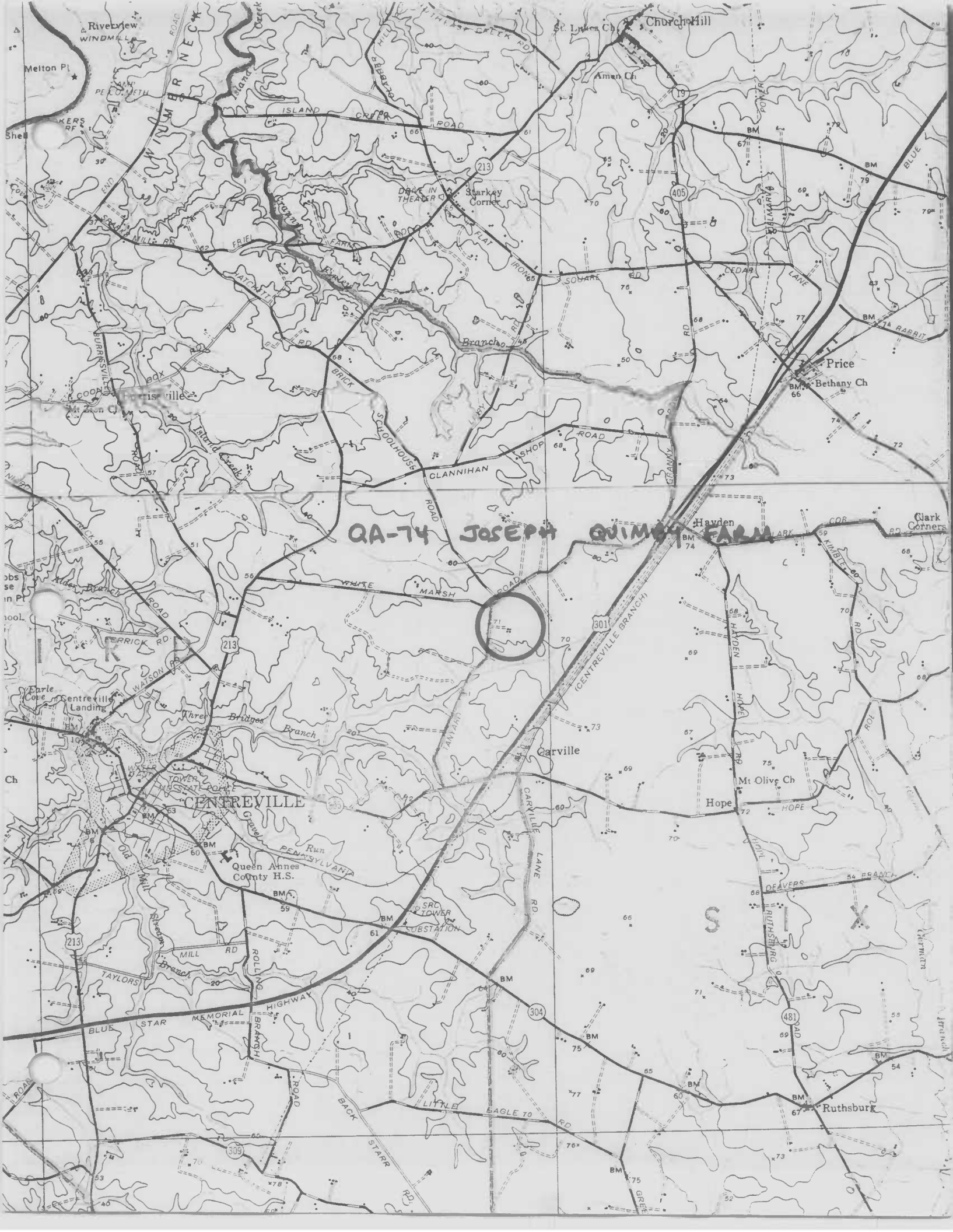
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Field Note Book QA-XI, Recorded August 24, 1979.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Joseph Quimby Farm

Mary McCarthy  
Spring/Summer 2003  
Digital color photo on file at MHT





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Joseph Quimby Farm  
Centreville vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1980  
Front facade from Northeast



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Joseph Quimby Farm  
Centreville vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1980  
Rear facade from Southwest



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